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## In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2003 and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time.

**Applicant:** Victor Christou **Application No.:** 09/445,050

## REMARKS

Applicant continues to respectfully traverse the outstanding rejections. However, in lieu of pursuing this application, filed under separate cover is a divisional application which includes halogens or halogenated compounds which the Examiner had contended was a non-elected species.

Through the filing of the divisional application, there can be no question that those claims are now properly before the Examiner and should be allowed since they are clearly patentable over the prior art.

Applicant recognizes this case will become abandoned in favor of the divisional application and respectfully requests allowance of the claims in that application.

Respectfully submitted,

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